


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 25, 2006 (BOS Mtg. 8/1/06)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Topics for the 2007 Legislative Program

Listed below are topics for the 2007 Legislative Program that I have received to date from the Board of Supervisors:

- Create a study that addresses the homestead exemption and tax relief across the state
- Adopt and fund a transportation plan that addresses the needs of Hampton Roads
- Reinstate "Photo-Red" traffic signal enforcement in Virginia and authorize York County to implement the program
- Fully fund the Commonwealth's responsibilities for Human Services programs
- Fully fund local loss on the Personal Property Tax Relief Act

In addition to the above topics, the following are items from last year that staff recommends pursuing again this year:

- Do not restrict local government authority to establish real estate tax rates, or place artificial limits on the assessment of real property at fair market value
- Adopt legislation guaranteeing that at least \$20 million of VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program funding be earmarked for counties, with each county eligible to request at least \$ 1 million in state funding on an annual basis.
- Increase state support for Virginia's tourism industry
- Reject any proposed limitations on the use of eminent domain for the acquisition of property for legitimate governmental purposes.

Please let me know by August 15 which of these items, or other items, you would like to see included in the final draft legislative program. The program will then be produced for your review and consideration, in the customary format with appropriate detail and supporting documentation, in your September 5 agenda package.

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